

ST STEPHEN'S RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION TRUST
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ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 31/12/20

FINNISTON & CO

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ST STEPHEN'S RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31/12/20

The trustees present their report and accounts for the above year.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Declaration of Trust, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Constitution

The Trust is constituted and governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 26th March 1999. A copy of this is lodged with the Charity Commission. During the year the Trustees numbered six of whom three form a quorum. A minimum of three meetings must be held each year.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Trust was formed by local people who wished to save St. Stephens, a derelict Grade 1 listed Victorian church. They raised £26 million and restored the building for use by the community. Some have left and the principles guiding their replacement are: local resident willing to give personal effort to running St. Stephen's as well as attending meetings. A professional skill is an advantage. These criteria are aimed at filling many tasks without wasting money on fees to others.

Induction and training of Trustees

The Trust has no formal policy. It is expected that trustees will be aware of the aims.

Organisational structure

The Building Management service continues to handle the day-to-day administration and has been very successful. The principal elements are:

- 1) Monitoring the condition of the building and liaising with the trustees about repairs.
- 2) Liaising with Hampstead Hill School, the permanent tenant.
- 3) Encouraging new business and processing enquiries and bookings for events.

Trustees who served during year

Michael Taylor BA (Hons) Arch (Chairman)

Celia Schapira (secretary)

Bernadette Maugham

Mathew Fielden

Jane Lyons

Elaine Wheeler

Relationship with related party

The Trust is entirely independent but has a tenant. A permanent sub-lease was signed with Hampstead Hill School which moved its senior branch into St Stephen's in September 2009.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31/12/20
(continued)

Aims of the Trust

The Trust signed the lease of St. Stephen's for 100 years from the Diocese of London on 1st May 2002. Our building proposal was the creation of lettable space at lower ground level, the tenant to be Hampstead Hill School, and the opening of the building for community use when not required by the school. The Diocese approved involvement of the school since the commercial background would ensure ongoing maintenance, and the lease guarantees that the school remains a sub-lessee. _x0000_

The nature of school hours and holidays leaves the building available for community use for 60% of available time. St. Stephen's operates as a venue for social events such as concerts, art exhibitions, lectures and public meetings.

All these are the means to the basic aims of the Trust – to open St. Stephen's to the local and the wider community.

Main objectives for the year

- 1) To manage St. Stephen's as a venue to maximise income from letting.
- 2) To earn enough money to enable the Trust to:
 - i) pay for routine services and maintenance.
 - ii) accumulate reserves to keep the fabric in order and execute restoration tasks.
 - iii) Plan for further works, particularly roof slate repairs.

Strategies for achieving objectives

- 1) To publicise, as widely as we can, the advantages of St. Stephen's as a venue for a wide range of events.
- 2) Fund-raising among the local community.
- 3) Modest increase in prices.

Achievement of objectives

As a result of the pandemic, lockdowns and restrictions on hosting events there has been a decrease in income from social events, whilst maintenance costs have remained level.

Review of activities

During the period without any income from weddings and the five months from April to August 2020 inclusive when the school took a lockdown payment break, the following maintenance work was undertaken:

Basement Pumps Maintenance x 2

Main Hall Lighting replaced

Installation of mandatory Kitchen Fire Suppression System (a key building insurance requirement)

Installation/replacement of Fire Escape Metal Ladder, Fire Escape Evacuation Sled, Fire Escape

Wheelchair, Replacement of Fire Extinguishers

Roof Repairs

Lady Chapel Windows Restoration

Future objectives

- 1) To increase our success in hiring out St. Stephen's.
- 2) To accumulate resources to ensure continued maintenance and restoration.

Assets

The sole asset of the Trust is a 100 year lease on St. Stephen's (now down to 82 years).

On behalf of the board of Trustees

Celia A T. Schapira

Celia A. Trenton Schapira

Trustee

Dated:

29th November 2021

ST STEPHEN'S RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31/12/20

I report on the accounts of the trust for the above year.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (1) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (2) to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- (3) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE).

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 01/01/15.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met, and to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order and to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Bernard Finniston LLB CA
c/o Finniston & Co
Chartered accountants

Wedderburn House
1 Wedderburn Road
London NW3 5QR

DATED:

ST STEPHEN'S RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31/12/20

	Note	2020	2019
<u>Income</u>			
Donations and legacies		28510	59752
Hire of premises		22139	95540
Rent received		51000	61200
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		101649	216492
Expenditure on charitable activities		-94324	-123938
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NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	2	7325	92554
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The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

ST STEPHEN'S RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AT
31/12/20

	Note	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	3	84790	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors & prepayments	4	8457	200
Cash at bank & in hand		31341	120843
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		39798	121043
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	5	-2600	-6380
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		37198	114663
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		121988	114663
CREDITORS - amounts falling due after more than one year		0	0
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		121988	114663
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INCOME FUNDS			
Unrestricted	6	121988	114663
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Approved by the trustee

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Celia A T. Schapira

DATED:

29th November 2021

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ST STEPHEN'S RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION TRUST
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31/12/20

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRSSE published on 16/07/14, the FRSSE (January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

2 NET SURPLUS

The net surplus is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
Computer maintenance	887	723
Examiner's fee	2400	2400
Management services	23295	35940
Premises expenses	38150	14101
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	2020	2019
Donations and legacies	28510	59752
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Rent received	51000	61200
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	101649	216492
OVERHEADS		
Advertising & promotion	3426	1413
Bank charges	117	629
Bank interest	-16	-13
Cleaning	1196	3027
Computer expenses	887	723
Depreciation	21197	0
Examiner's fee	2400	2400
Gardening expenses	2942	1216
General expenses	160	593
Insurance	287	0
Legal & professional fees	570	4755
Light & heat	0	4925
Management services	23295	35940
Rent	250	1000
Repairs & maintenance	37613	67265
Telephone	0	65
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	94324	123938
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	-----	-----
	7325	92554
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